CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Bbf020.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1601000.003
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 January 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	18 January 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The file comprises 16 screenshots of an online video that depicts a young man engaging a teenage girl in sexual activity. The intended purpose of the publication is to sexually arouse viewers with a prurient interest in girls. It is also a record of the sexual exploitation of the girl. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.